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For Brownsville and the Valley:
Fair and warmer Saturday night
and Sunday. Light to moderate
variable winds on the west coast
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IN OUR VALLEY

"WHEN THE SUPPLY OF
truth does not equal the demand,
we are tempted to manufacture."
—We don't know who said it, but
didn't he say a lot!

FIRE CHIEF SARRAN AND HIS
fire boys, aided and abetted by city
employees at the light and water
plant, remind us that Christmas is
near at hand.

Anxious that the kids of Brownsville
shall have their Santa Claus
in spite of the times, these city
employees issue a call for broken
toys and other playthings.

Spare time around the fire stations
will be taken up in putting
these toys in shape to make some
tot happy who might otherwise be
passed by the Old Nick.

If such toys you have in your
house, and most of us do have
them, drop by the fire station nearest
your home and leave them.

If the neighborhood in which you
live will concentrate its supply and
give the city hall a ring, the city
will be glad to send out a car.

The main thing is—these city
employees are anxious to do their
bit toward a Merry Christmas in
Brownsville—but they need your
help in furnishing the toys.

IT TAKES A BETTER MAN TO
stand up under prosperity than to
withstand the forces of adversity.

That notation is by no means
original with us, but all of us certainly
realize its truth as we look
back over the way we conducted
our various businesses during the
heydays of prosperity not so many
years ago.

And to our mind the manner in
which the present commissioners
of the Brownsville Navigation
district stood their ground and refused
to be cajoled into selling the \$3-
500,000 bond issues of the district
at a discount during those "good
old days" constitutes one of the
high spots of the history of the
district.

Had they yielded to popular clamor
and sold these bonds at a
discount of from 5 to 20 per cent,
as they were urged many times to
do, taxpayers of the district would
today be paying taxes to pay for
work on a \$3,500,000 basis, the same
work which army engineers today
estimate can be done for around
\$1,750,000.

Bonds are usually voted and sold
and public improvements inaugurated
when there is lots of money
and prices are high, and we pay
for them when money is hard to
get. Witness our present county
bond issues.

In event the Brownsville Navigation
district decides to go ahead
immediately with its port project,
we will have the experience which
must be almost unique, of buying
our public improvements when
money is hard to get and prices
are down to rock-bottom—and of
paying for them in the easier and
flusher days which are surely
ahead.

As another result of having waited
until now to go ahead with the
port construction, we will pay a tax
of approximately 55c on the \$100
valuation on a total district valuation
of around \$28,000,000, rather
than a 70c tax on a total district
valuation of approximately \$37-
500,000.

EVERY ONE OF THESE PORT
meetings we attend—

In the capacity of reporter—

How our spirits rise when the
chairman states—

That we will talk "issues, not
personalities," this time—

And then imagine how we feel—
As we listen to the cheerful be-
smiling of character,

That follows.

All up and down the line.

And then folks wonder—

Why newspaper men become
tinged with cynicism.

At an early age!

PORT NEWS THAT IS IN-
spiring is that, which we bring to
you this morning in an Associated
Press message from Galveston.

Inspiring it is to both factions of
the Brownsville Navigation district
row, and inspiring to the Valley at
large, and particularly inspiring to
the people of Port Isabel and of
San Benito, who have worked and
waited for this announcement.

Bids have actually been opened
for the dredging of the channel
and the turning basin of the Port
Isabel project.

Bank Checks May Be Ready Next Wednesday

DIVIDEND OF \$500,000 IS DISTRIBUTED

Checks To Arrive Tuesday, Young Estimates

Twenty two hundred checks
aggregating a sum total of over
\$500,000 will be handed out Wed-
nesday by John M. Young, receiver
of the Merchants National bank.

The checks, representing a first
dividend to the creditors of the
closed institution of 22 per cent,
were mailed from Washington Fri-
day, according to a telegram re-
ceived by the receiver late Satur-
day afternoon from the compul-
sory department.

To Arrive Tuesday

"According to our calculations
the checks will arrive in Brownsville
Tuesday and we will be ready to
distribute them Wednesday,"
Mr. Young stated.

It will be necessary for depositors
to call at the bank to receive
dividend checks, and preparations
are being made to handle the crowd
as rapidly as possible, Mr. Young
said.

The bank will remain open Wed-
nesday night in order to facilitate
distribution of the checks before
the Thanksgiving holiday and will
be open Thursday morning for a
time at least, according to present
plans.

Announcement of the 22 per cent
dividend was made on Nov. 2 by
Mr. Young, and the checks were
signed here and mailed to Wash-
ington on November 7 for signature
of the proper officials of the compul-
sory department.

Loan Taken Up

Payment of the first dividend was
delayed a short time due to the
necessity of redeeming nearly one
million dollars of the assets of
the closed bank which had been
pledged to the Reconstruction Finance
corporation as security for a loan.

By taking up the loan and securing
the return of this paper to the
bank, the RFC was cut out of any
dividend payment, Mr. Young ex-
plained in a statement at the time
the dividend was announced.

STERLING IN AUTO WRECK

Governor Slightly Hurt When Car Overturns Near Austin

AUSTIN, Nov. 19. (AP)—Gov. R. S.
Sterling was at the executive man-
sion tonight, little the worse for an
automobile accident shortly after
noon today in which he and State
Rep. Pat Dwyer of San Antonio
sustained slight cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred on the
Austin-San Antonio road near
Kyle, Gov. Sterling was accompa-
nying Dwyer, who was driving, to San
Antonio.

The governor sustained abrasions
on his forehead and slight bruises.
Dwyer's injuries also were of a min-
or nature.

Gov. Sterling said he and Dwyer
noticed the peculiar approach of an
automobile from the south. When
within 75 yards of the automobile in
which the governor was riding, the
on-coming vehicle turned squarely
into the path of their car, the gov-
ernor said.

Dwyer's automobile was forced into
the ditch on the left side of the
road, the car overturning and land-
ing on its top. The driver of the
other vehicle did not stop.

Three Die In Mine Disaster

SONORA, Calif., Nov. 19. (AP)—
Poison gas killed three men in the
shaft of the Saratoga mines, one
mile from here, while they were
working today and tonight rescue
crews, with physicians standing by
to aid, were attempting to penetrate
the shaft to recover the bodies.

After attempting unsuccessfully
for hours to penetrate the death-
choked depths of the mine shaft
where the victims were mining gold,
rescue workers said there was no
hope the men would be brought out
alive.

Comet May Have Killed Early Race

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19. (AP)—
A theory that an early Ameri-
can civilization—the Arizona
cliff dwellers—was wiped out by
collision of the earth with the so-
called Arizona meteor, or comet,
was advanced today by Ernest V. Sutton, South Pasadena,
Calif. student of Indian
culture of the southwest.

Some 400,000,000 tons of strati-
fied rock were displaced by the
collision, which created an oval-
shaped crater with walls 130
feet higher than the surround-
ing plain.

Sutton suggested that in the
twinkling of an eye this crash
destroyed the most populous and
most cultivated settlement of
what now is the United States.

COL. ROBINS FOUND ALIVE

Dry Leader and Friend To Hoover Suffers Lapse Of Memory

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 19. (AP)—
Col. Raymond Robins, aggressive
dry leader and social worker, was
brought to an Asheville hospital
today from Whittier, the mountain
village 60 miles distant, where for
two and a half months he had
been living as Raymond Rogers, a
prospector, while a nationwide
search for him was carried on by
relatives, friends and many govern-
ment agencies.

Still apparently suffering a
partial loss of memory, to which
his dropping from sight Sept. 3,
was ascribed by John Dreier, New
York, his nephew. Col. Robins was
placed in Norburn hospital under
care of a physician and access to
his bedside was denied all un-
authorized persons.

Two-Months' Beard

The prohibition crusader and
friend of Pres. Hoover was wear-
ing a two months' beard and an
overall jumper suit, the only garb
he was known to wear during his
stay in Whittier, where he sprang
lightly from a motor car and en-
tered the hospital after a two-
hour ride on wet, mountain high-
ways.

"Col. Raymond Robins is at
present at Norburn hospital in
Asheville, and under the care of
Dr. Mark A. Griffin of Asheville,"
a statement by Dreier said.

"The doctor has given orders
that no one be allowed to see or
speak with Col. Robins, but that
he is to be kept quiet and free
from disturbances of all sorts."

"Dr. Griffin, who is now in
charge of the case, states that it
is absolutely impossible to give a
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Body of Drowned Fisherman Found

GALVESTON, Nov. 19. (AP)—The
body of George W. Allen, 49, Hous-
ton accountant, one of two fisher-
men who perished during a squall
that upset their boat in Trinity
Bay November 10, was discovered
on a reef near the bay shore a
shortly distance north of San Leon
shortly before noon today. Identifi-
cation was made through a paper
found in his pockets. C. F. Peeling,
Garrett, 28, of Houston, lost his
life at the same time but his body
was found shortly afterward. A
third man in the party was rescued.

Nuevo Laredo Tense On Eve of Election

LAREDO, Nov. 19. (AP)—Con-
siderable tension existed in Nuevo
Laredo, Mexico, on the eve of to-
morrow's plebiscite as the result
of the slaying of Eduardo Escarega,
newspaper editor, and other
disturbances the past week.

The socialist party is sponsoring
the election to designate an official
candidate for mayor of the city.
Candidates are Dr. Enrique
Gonzalez Trevino and Pablo Ren-
denzen.

Man Draws Life In Slaying of Woman

GAINESVILLE, Nov. 19. (AP)—L.
H. Reynolds, 72, was sentenced to
life imprisonment for the slaying of
Mrs. Nettie Goff, 39, on a farm
near St. Jo last summer by a jury
in district court at Montague this
afternoon.

BROWNSVILLE PORT BLAMED IN BANK CRASH

Assassination Fear Is Hinted At By Speaker

The Brownsville port was "exactly
what broke the Merchants Na-
tional bank," a crowd of approxi-
mately 100 people were told at a
meeting on behalf of the Smith-
Bennett-Singer ticket in the court
house here Friday night by C. L.
Jessup.

Jessup said during his address
that "every time I leave home my
wife kisses me goodbye, expecting
me to be assassinated or some-
thing," because of his opposition
to the present navigation commis-
sion. Friends of the family have
told Mrs. Jessup of "things they
are going to do to me," Jessup said.

He said he had heard that one
thing "they were going to do" to
him was that The Brownsville
Herald was going to print one of
his early speeches.

May Cite Speeches

Mr. Jessup said he had heard
that another one of the "things
they are going to do" was that they
were going to "try to prove I'm
crazy on my valuation statements,"
by citing valuations he mentioned
earlier in some land prospect talks.

When Mr. Jessup started his talk
eight or ten people left.

He said he had heard one of his
friends had said "Charley is in
this campaign for spitwork" and
added "God pity the man who
can't see a reason in this campaign
deeper than spitwork."

He said there have been several
attempts to camouflage the issue,
and mis-state it.

The speaker said "there is some-
thing brand new. You've never
heard it before: A few nights ago
I woke up with a thought. I didn't
even tell my wife. I don't tell my
wife everything. Maybe some of
you do."

"I got in my car and went to
San Benito to John Hollingsworth,
who is one of the trustees of the
Gregg Properties, Inc. I said, 'John,
don't laugh at me, but I want to
ask you something. Did the Brownsville
Herald have anything to do
with breaking of the Merchants
National bank?'"

Says Broke Bank

"Mr. Hollingsworth said: 'At the
second meeting we had, I told
Stanley Ford that's exactly what
broke the Merchants National
bank.'"

Jessup then said he had gone to
the court house to get data on this
matter, and said he found that
during the past four years 140 pieces
of city property in Brownsville and
3,000 acres of land had passed to
John Gregg.

"And he owed the Merchants
State bank \$283,000," he said, "and
the navigation district owed the
bank \$38,000. Did it have anything
to do with it?"

"He took the widows' and the
orphans' and aged's money out
of the bank and put that money
in equities waiting for the day
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Texas Editors End Valley Convention

(Special to The Herald)
EDINBURG, Nov. 19. —The an-
nual convention of the Texas Edito-
rial association ended today, after
a trip by the visitors to Meri-
toric city in northern Mexico.

R. J. (Bob) Edwards, publisher of
the Denton Record-Chronicle, was
elected president, succeeding C. C.
Hudson, Iowa Park editor. Arthur
Le Fevre of Houston, editor of the
Texas Star, was elected assistant
president. Frank Cates of the
Tribune News, Bartlett, first vice
president; and Jack Egan, cir-
culation manager of the Dallas News,
second vice president.

Couple Indicted In Slaying at Corpus

COFFUP CHRISTI, Nov. 19. (AP)—
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac J. Davis were
indicted today at a special session
of the grand jury for the murder
of A. S. Dowd, manager of a hotel
here.

Dowd was shot eight times and
fatally wounded Thursday, as he sat
in his office at the hotel. Mrs. Davis
who had been employed as a maid
at the hotel, was dismissed shortly
before the shooting.

County Makes First Murder Conviction

BIG SPRING, Nov. 19. (AP)—Gul-
lermo Hassa today became the first
man sentenced for murder in Glass-
cock county since the county was or-
ganized 39 years ago. He was given
a five-year term for killing Man-
uel Gonzales at a ranch dance last
Sunday morning. Gonzales was shot
six times.

HER MAJESTY



Her Royal Highness, Queen Theodora of Greece, above, will be crowned at the opening night of the Valley Mid-Winter fair, Wednesday night. Miss Slocum is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Slocum of Pharr. An elaborate ceremony has been planned in which the queen of the fair at Harlingen will be crowned at this annual event.

WESLACO MAN IS SHOT DOWN

Former Mayor With Victim In Edinburg Shooting; Charge Is Filed

(Special to The Herald)
EDINBURG, Nov. 19.—B. S. Graham, well known Weslaco real estate operator, is in the hospital here with a bullet wound in his chest, and J. T. Felker, Edinburg orchard specialist, is charged with attempted murder as the result of a shooting in the Edinburg business district Saturday afternoon.

D. E. Kirgan, long prominent in Hidalgo county politics, was seated in a car with Graham when he was wounded. The bullet hit Graham in the left shoulder and ranged into his chest.

Kirgan leaped from the car and called Sheriff Tom Gill who was nearby, and he arrested Felker.

He was immediately charged with an attempt to murder and waived preliminary hearings before Jus. of the Peace J. L. Ramsour.

The bond was set at \$1,000 which he made. Felker made no statement in waiving the hearing.

The shooting occurred just to the west of the Hidalgo county court-house.

Kirgan, former mayor of Weslaco, has been a business associate of Graham.

The shot was fired from a 30-30 rifle, according to investigating officers.

Bank Chiefs Fail To Identify Man

FORT WORTH, Nov. 19. (AP)—Four victims of a Bridgeport bank robbery last summer failed to identify a suspect arrested here tonight.

The man, 22, will be held for further investigation, however.

PRESENT PORT BOARD RENEWS WORK PLEDGE

To Seek Immediate R. F. C. Loan, Declare

Affirming their intention to push forward construction of the Brownsville port project at the earliest possible moment in event they are returned to office, members of the Brownsville Navigation commission addressed the following letter to C. L. Hunter, who made inquiry as to their intentions toward immediate port work:

Progress Set Out

"In response to your inquiry we would bring to your attention the fact that during the administration of the present commissioners we have succeeded in obtaining for our community the adoption of the Brownsville port project by the government, and during the past three or four years we feel that we have handled the affairs of the district in a most economical manner consistent with results obtained. While we have not placed any burden on our taxpayers, we have at all times endeavored to secure a satisfactory market for our bonds for the purpose of initiating work on the Brownsville port project."

"We would further bring to your attention the fact that it is through the efforts of the Brownsville district and its commissioners and attorneys that the Valley has before it at this time any port project at all."

Estimates of the government engineers, as well as of our own consulting engineer, assure us that our project and suitable facilities can be developed and completed at a cost not to exceed \$1,750,000, after which same will be maintained by the government at its own expense, authorization for which maintenance is included in the Rivers and Harbors bill.

Seek R. F. C. Loan

"We take this occasion to assure you that it is our purpose to spare no effort to obtain a loan at the (Continued on Page Two)

Man Held In Bank Robbery Gets Bond

McKINNEY, Nov. 19. (AP)—Edward Bentz, charged with robbery with firearms in connection with the spectacular holdup of the Security State bank at Blue Ridge, Collin county, Aug. 31, today was allowed \$12,500 bond by Dist. Judge F. E. Wilcox.

Co. Atty. W. C. Dowdy had asked that bond be refused.

KIDNAP-KILLER SUSPECT HELD

17-Year-Old Youth Quizzed In Hold-Up And Assault Case

CHICAGO, Nov. 19. (AP)—A youth of high school age—the son of wealthy parents and a "model student" was sought tonight for what police termed one of the cruelest murders in Chicago's history.

The youth, 16-year old Bert Arnold, was wanted for questioning about the killing of his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Saxe, 60, in the home of his parents.

Mrs. Saxe was beaten to death and her body dropped into a cistern. Elements of mystery suitable for a Scotland Yard "thriller" were contained in the evidence—heel prints of a woman's shoe in blood, fingerprints on two costly candelabra, and a missing automobile.

Police theorized young Arnold might possibly have been the victim of kidnappers who killed the elderly woman. They said, however, evidence indicated Mrs. Saxe was killed by someone familiar with the Arnold home.

Bert Arnold was the only member of the families whose activities were not accounted for at the time of the killing.

Young Arnold last was seen at 10 p. m. last night when he left a church dance in company with several other youths. He was driving Mrs. Saxe's automobile, the machine which was missing today.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Arnold, were attending the theater, although Bert told his friends at the dance they had left for Denver. Two younger children were asleep in the house during the killing.

W.C.T.U. To Pray Against Beer Return

New York Firm Is Low Bidder On Isabel Work

AUSTIN, Nov. 19. (AP)—Mrs. Claude De Van Watts, president of the Texas chapter of the W. C. T. U., today issued a statement calling on local chapters to hold prayer services on Dec. 5 "that the devices for the restoration of beer may come to naught, and that enforcement of the prohibition laws) may be strengthened, not weakened."

Churches were called upon by Mrs. De Van Watts to participate in the prayer services.

The W. C. T. U. leader repeated the belief that the short session of congress would not legalize beer.

HOOVER CUTS FEDERAL COST

Cabinet Called In Attempt To Present Balanced Budget

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (AP)—Summoning his cabinet for its first extraordinary meeting, Pres. Hoover today slashed the huge federal budget to an extent, he believes, will reduce appropriations by \$550,000,000.

After the chief executive had taken this special action to clear the way for foreign debt, consideration next week a formal statement was issued that the cabinet meeting "reductions in appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, were settled at about \$700,000,000."

Other Increases

"This will, however," the White House explained, "be offset by certain increases in uncontrollable items such as interest and amortization on the public debt and tax refunds to the extent of about \$130,000,000."

"The administration is determined to present a balanced budget," the increase in fixed charges, it was explained, could be attributed to government investments in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and federal land banks of \$1,000,000,000, which, when added, will "ultimately return to the treasury."

As the cabinet officers left the executive offices one by one this morning, few would speak in detailed figures. In the statement, coming several hours after their departure, it was said such figures are "never given out until the president's budget message is communicated to the congress."

Against Moratorium

Meanwhile from Capitol Hill came reiterated expressions of an adamant attitude against resumption of the war debts commission and against an extension of the moratorium. Should this view prevail, a demand by the United States for payments due on December 15 would be the only course available.

Both Mr. Hoover and Pres.-Elect Roosevelt, when they sit down to consider the debt problem at the White House next Tuesday, will have as a common ground an expressed belief against cancellation of the war obligations.

From high administration quarters has come word that the chief executive is definitely opposed to another year moratorium, and favors instead a more rigid attitude toward foreign debtors than any wholesale suspension of the payments due on Dec. 15.

How far Mr. Hoover will go in his discussion with Mr. Roosevelt of the requests of Great Britain, France and Belgium for renewed debt negotiations, neither he nor his aides have disclosed. Nor has any intimation been given of how big a part disarmament will play in the conversation.

Corpus Blazing Well Runs Wild

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nov. 19. (AP)—The Perkins-LaGasse No. 1 wild gasser, eight miles west of the city, which caught fire last night, cratered today and gas was seeping through the ground in a radius of six hundred feet. Flames were shooting several hundred feet into the air and tonight the fire could be seen by persons 50 miles away.

Jury Out 3 Minutes

BEAUMONT, Nov. 19. (AP)—A jury today convicted San Danavant of robbery with firearms and gave him five years in prison after deliberating but three minutes. Dunavant was convicted of holding up L. W. Wagner, taxi driver, on the Houston highway Oct. 8.